

Grapeland

VIRGINIA SCOTT KENNEDY

Mrs. Virginia Scott Kennedy passed away peacefully on Dec. 29, to be with her Lord and Savior. She was 81 years of age, having been born to R.L. and Gladys Scott on Oct. 27, 1919; she was born in DeLeon and graduated from high school there to be followed by graduation from John Tarleton College in Stephenville. Next, she attended the University of Texas in Austin and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts majoring in bacteriology and chemistry. She had a great ambition to become a physician but this desire was thwarted by an administrator at the medical school at that time who felt like medicine was a profession for men and a women's place was in the home. As a second choice, Virginia became a certified medical technologist and a teacher at UTMB. While here she met and married Dr. John C. Kennedy on Oct. 4, 1942, when he was in the process of completing his surgical residency at the Medical Branch. She also was active in the research in bacteriology during this period. While her husband was away on active duty with the 127th General Hospi-

tal for two years in the European Theater of Operations, Virginia occupied herself by working as a technologist at the Monsanto Chemical Plant in Texas City, followed by a period of violin study at the Julliard School of Music at Columbia University in New York City. In July 1946, she and her husband became residents of Houston, where she remained until death. Virginia was extremely active in numerous organizations and at one time President of the Blue Bird Circle, which she dearly loved and worked with for more than 35 years. She was active in the P.T.A. and a former church school teacher at St. Luke's United Methodist Church where she and her husband were members and had previously served on the official board. Virginia was a docent at Bayou Bend at one time and also a docent of the Museum of Natural Science and the Museum of Medical Science. She was a member of River Oaks Country Club and the Alpha Delphi Pi sorority. Virginia was a warm and loving wife, mother, and grandmother and was a blessed with having a host of close friends principally, among members of the Blue Bird Circle and her bridge club which she enjoyed for forty years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and by a son, Robert Kennedy.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. John C. Kennedy; and by her son Steve Kennedy, and wife, Jill of San Diego, Ca.; and their sons Stephen and Scott, both of San Diego, Ca.; by her sister Elaine Wood and her husband, Col. (Ret.) T.D. Wood of Redlands, Ca.; other survivors include one nephew, Charles W. Kennedy II and his wife, Deborah and their children, Elizabeth, Mary Margaret, and Bill of Crockett; niece, Roberta Johnson and her husband, Lonnie and their children, and by many cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. in the afternoon on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer, with the Rev. Bill Steel officiating.

Graveside services and interment were held at 12 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4 in Grapeland.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Blue Bird Circle, (clinic for neurological disorders) 615 Alabama, Houston, TX 77006, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77027 or to a charity of your choice.

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